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Mr. Mark Miller
Expectations
10116 South Wasatch Boulevard
Sandy, Utah 84092

Subject: Complete of Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations and Approval of Reclamation Bond and Reclamation Contract, Mark Miller, Expectations Mine, S/035/024, Salt Lake County, Utah

Dear Mr. Miller:

On May 16, 2005, the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining ("Division"), signed the reclamation contract for the referenced mine. Copies of the fully signed and executed documents are enclosed for your files.

The Division finds your small mining notice of intention complete and approves the reclamation surety for the Expectation Mine. Please note, however, that acceptance from the Division does not constitute approval from other agencies, such as Air Quality and Bluffdale City. On April 29, 2005, we received a copy of a letter from Bluffdale City saying the area is zoned for residential use and that mining is not authorized. You need to resolve this issue prior to commencing or continuing your operations.

We remind you once again of the requirement made in the findings from the stop work conference held March 21, 2005:

Any area disturbed by the operator that lies outside of the five-acre area the operator delineates for a small mine operation would need to be included in an application for a large mine permit or those areas of disturbance would need to be reclaimed within 90 days of the issuance of these findings.

The findings were dated March 25, 2005, so this reclamation work must be completed by June 23, 2005. If an approveable notice of intention to commence large mining operations or the reclamation work is not completed by June 23,

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2005, the Division will require you to post an interim reclamation surety for the entire disturbance.

We have received notification from the Division of State History that no historic properties should be affected by your operation, but if you encounter cultural resources, you are required to immediately cease operations and notify both the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining and the Division of State History.

The acceptance of this notice and surety is for a small mining operation only, **not to exceed 3.2 acres**. You are not authorized to disturb additional areas without first amending your notice, adjusting the bond amount and receiving written acceptance from this office. If you wish to expand to a large mine status (greater than 5 acres), approval typically takes up to six to twelve months or longer. Please allow the appropriate lead time to complete the permitting.

If you have questions or concerns regarding this letter, please contact me at (801) 538-5258 or Paul Baker at (801) 538-5261. Best wishes with your new mining venture.

Sincerely,



Susan M. White
Mine Program Coordinator
Minerals Regulatory Program

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Enclosure: Copy of RC & surety forms

cc: Blaine Gehring, Bluffdale City

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